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considerable state of forwardness, though

the results thus far have not been alto-

gether satisfactory. Fort Moultrie is on the sea-ward side of the island, nearly a

mile distant from the channel, so that its

passage would be measurably "in the face of an enemy," and directly so should

the commanding officer creek batteries at

the point of landing, which, however, is not certain to be done. Sullivan's Island

is quite thickly built up, generally with wooden tenements, and a horse railroad

traverses the whole distance. The Fort

itself is an extensive work, well provided

with everything but men. Its guns are,

many of them, of the largest and best

description, and nearly all the recent im-

provements in explosives has been intro-

duced, in the use of which the men are

well drilled. Indeed, I may state with

confidence that the officers and men at

Moultrie very much excel in this partic-

ular. Recently-within the last ten days

-a trench has been dug around the en-

tire Fort, and, without going into min-

city is about three miles.

der date of Dec. 9th :

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Details.

bune writes from Atchison, Kansas, un-

I reached this city yesterday morning. On landing at the levee from the railroad

A correspondent of the Chicago Tri-

Choice Boetry.

PRAYER MEETING IN A STORM

BY BAYARD TAYLOR.

[From the New York Tribune.]

(See President Buchanan's last Proclamation.) A gale came up from the sou'-sou'west;

Twas fierce November weather: But the ship had felt such a storm before And her planks still beld together. And thue, though the howling tempest the

No signs of diminution,
The passengers said: "We'll trust our ship,
The stanach old Constitution!" The captain stood on the quarter-lock-

"The seas," he said, "they batter me-Twas my watch below, in the former gale-I doubt if we'll weather Hatteras. The wind on the one side blows me off. The carrent sets me shoreward: I'll just lay-to between them both,

And seem to be going forward." "Prestors shead!" cried the watch on the bow; "Hard up!" was the first mate's order; "Bhe feels the ground swell," the passenger "And the seas already board her!"

The foresail split in the angry gust; In the hold the ballast shifted; And an old tar said; "If Jackson stoered. We shouldn't thus have drifted!"

"But the captain cried: "Let go your belm!" And then he called to the bo'swain "Pipe all hands to the quarter-deck. And we'll save her by Devotion! The first mate hurled his trumpet down-

The old tare carsed together, To see the good ship helpless roll At the sport of wave and weather.

The tattered sails are all aback, Yords crack, and masts are started: And the captain weeps and says his prayers Till the hull be 'mid-ships parted:

But God is on the steersman's side-The crew are in revolution-The wave that washes the captain off. Will save the Constitution

Miscellaneous.

ARTEMUS WARD VISITS ABE LIN-COLN.

I hiv no politics. Nary a one. I'm the enemy, get up jes bet elecshun for rewarded !"

Ther4, hevin no politics, I made bold to visit Old Abe at his humstid in Springfield. I found the old feller in his parler, surrounded by a perfeck swarm of orifice seekers. Knowin he had been capting of a flat boat on the roarin Mississippy, I that I'd address him in sailor lingo, so sez I, "Old Abe aboy! Let out your main sols, reef hum the forecas-tle & throw your jib poop overboard! Shiver my timbers, my hardy!" [N. B. -This is ginuine mariner langwidge .-I know, becaws I've seen sailor plays acted out by them New York theater fel lers. | Old Abe looked up quite cross & "Send in your petition by & by .-I can't look at it now. Indeed I can't. It's onpossible, sir !" "Mr. Linkin, who do you spect I air?"

"A orifice seeker, to be sure !" sed he. "Wall, sir," sed I, "you's never more mistaken in your life. You hain't get a orifice I'd take under no circumstances. I'm A. Ward. Wax figgers is mi perfeshun. I'm the father of Twins, and they look like me-both of them. I cum so pay a frendly visit to the President eleck of the United States. If so be you want to see me say so-if not, say so,

"How kin I ever repay you for you want to say and I'm of like a jug-handle."
"Mr. Ward, sit down. I'm glad to see you give and I'm of like a jug-handle."
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"By give in the whole country ago."
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"Wall," say 1, "of all you fellers re-posses in that there obtains for some of you?"
"what there bears, it is seen that the said the said the mailing of seven 10. Jest at this pint of the post."
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Sez I, "Square, you wouldn't take a small post-orifice if you could git it, would you?"

Bez I, "Square, you wouldn't take a and all will be well! A. Linkin, adoo."

He shook me kordenlie be the would you ?"

Sex he, "a patrit is above them things,

pored in. The house, doorward, barn and woodshed was now all full, and when another krowd come, I told em not to go away for want of room, as the hog-pen was still empty. One patrit from a small town in Mishygan went up on the top of the house, got into the chimney and slid down into the parlar wher Old Abe was endeavorin to keep the hungry pack of orifiee seekers from chawin him up alive without benefit of clergy. The minit he reached the fire place he jumpt minit he reached the fire place he jumpt up, brusht the soot out of his eyes, and yelled: "Dont make any pintment for the Spunkville post orifice til youv red my papers. All the respectful men in the State of Maine.

Washington City, Jan. 17, 1833.
To the editor of the Portland Courier, in the Mariners' Church Building, second story, eastern end, Fore Street, away Down East, in the State of Maine. my papers. All the respectful men in our town is signers to that there docky ment !"

"Good God !" cried Old Abe, "they cum upon me from the skise-down the chimneys, and from the bowels of the He hadn't more'n got them words out of his delikate mouth be4 2 fat orifice seekers from Weskonsin, in endeverin to krawl atween his legs for the purpuse of applyin for the tollgateship at Millwawky, upset the President eleck, and he would have gon sprawlin into the fireplace if I hadnt kowt him in these arms. But I hadnt more'n stood bim up strate, be4 another man come crashin down the chimney, his hed strikin me vilently agin the inards, and prostratin my voluptoous form onto the floor. "Mr.

fice I would turn round and abooze the "The fact is," I continued, lookin round when he was a boy, always used to be Carolina. With them she thinks she were necessary to act as keepers. Mod-Administrashun with all my mite and upon the hungry krowd, "there is searcemaine. But I'm not in the bisnias. I'm ly a orifice for every ile lamp carrid in a far more respectful bisniss nor what around durin this canpane. I wish there what polertics is. I wouldent giv 2 sents | was. I wish there was furrin misshuns to be a Congresser. The wass insult I to be filled on varous lonely Hands where went the hardest, and he wouldn't give them either "before or after secession" would not be difficult for men when driv. them at midnight. In the same vicinity, ever received was when sertin citizens of epydemiks rage incessantly, and if I war us any peace till one of us changed sides shall have been ordained, as circumstan en out of Moultrie, if supplied with boats, a young man, John Danton by name, Baldinsville axed me to run fur the Legislater. Sez I, "My frends, dostest think
I'd stoop to that there?" They turned
as white as a sheet. I spoke in my most orfullest tones, and they knode I wasent

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took me for Old Abe, and addresst me as Walcutt was to pick out a modell for a "The Pra-harie Flower of the West !" butiful man, I scacely think they'd sculp Thinks I you want orifice pooty bad .- you; but if you do the fair thing by Another man with a goldheded cain and your country, you'll make as putty a ana red noze, told Old Abe he was "a second Washington & the pride of the bound- Linkin, use the talents which natur has

-we exchanged picture, so we could gaze upon each others' liniments when far away from one another-he at the hell-"There's a pooty big crap of patrits um of the ship of State, and I at the this season, aint there Square?" sed I, bellum of the show biasiniss—admittance when another knowd of orifice seekers only 15 cents. only 15 cents.

ARTEMUS WARD.

Major Jack Downing on Secession. He Gives His Opinion About Nullifica-

tion, and Illustrates it with a Lucid Example. We reproduce, for the benefit of the

present day and generation, the following letter on Mullification, from the celebrated pen of Major Jack Downing :

MY KIND AND DEAR OLD PRIEND: The

President's message to Congress makes cracking work here. Mr. Calboun shows his teeth like a lion. Mr. MeDuffie is cool as a cowcumber, though they say he's got a terrible tempest inside of him, that he'll let out before long. For my part I think the President's message is about right. I was setting with the President in the east room last night, chatting about one thing and another, and the President says he, Major Downing, have you read my message that I sent to Congress to-day? I told him I hadn't. Well, says he, I should like to have you read it and give me your opinion upon it. So he handed it to me and I sot down

and read it through. my voluptoous form onto the floor. "Mr. Linkin!" shoutid the infatuated bein, "my papers is signed by every clergy-man in our town, and likewise the skule
Mand when I got through, now says I dicates the existence of the settled purpose, to which I have so often alluded, the fort Sumpter rises out of the water further down the harbor, about 31 miles Sez I, "you egrejis ass," gittin up and hire out a month or two rafting logs be will resist the reinforcement of the ly commands both the other Forts, but, not in the bisniss. If I was I spose I and brushin the dust from my ize, "I'll across the pond. And one time I and troops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual. the enemy, get up jes be elecshun for perlitikal effeck. When all was over, and my kandydate was eleckted, I should move heving & arth—so to speek—until got orifice, which if I dident git a ori.

The fact is." I continued look in round the roo-Slavery of them in the Federal Government to protect its own property or exercise jurisdiction by Bill Johnson begun to complain. He was always an uneasy harumscarum sort of a chap. Always thought everybody session of the first own property or exercise jurisdiction the guns in order. The fact is, the postorior been no more soldiers than the rectofore been no more soldiers. more butter on their bread than he had. Well, Bill was rowing on the leward side, and he begun to fret and said his side it is within the line of her plans to take to that. One would suppose that it

DIXIE'S LAND.

I wish I was in do had of cotton; Old times dar am no Decettes— Look away! look away! hat away! Dixle Land. In Dixle Land wher Pens bers in, Early on one freely mornin'— Look away! look away! look . way! Dizio Land

CHORUS. Den I erich I was in Dirie, Secrey! Hoos In Dixie Land I'll took my stand, To lib and die in Dixle. Away! away! away down South in Dixie! Away! away! away down South in Dixie!

Old Missus marry "Will de weaber;" Willom was a gay deceaber-Look away, &c. But when he put his arm around 'er, He smiled as fierce as a "forty pounder"-Look away, &c. CHORUS-Den I wish I was in Dixie, &c.

His face was sharp as a butcher's cleaber, But dat did not seem to greab 'er-Look away, &c. Old Missus acted a feolish part, And died for a man dat broke her heart-

Look away, &c. CHORUS-Den I wish I was in Dixie, &c. Now here's a health to de next old Missus, And all de gals dat want to kiss us-

Look away, &c.
But if you want to drive 'way sorrow, Come an' hear dis song to-morrow— Look away, &c. CHORUS-Den I wish I was in Dixie, &c

Makes you fat or a little fatter-Look away, &c. Den boe it down an' scratch your grabble, To Dixie Land I'm bound to trabble-Look away, &c. CHORUS-Den I wish I was in Dizle, &c.

[From the New York Tribane.] THE FORTS IN CHARLESTON HAR-BOR.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 11, 1860. Now and then something crops out added still remain. An engineering force been to Missouri. which goes a great way to disclose what of a limited number of men has for the is going on under the surface. Thus, for last two weeks been engaged in rendering instance, the pledge which is required of the fortification one of a really formida the several candidates for Governor, in- ble character. Like Fort Moultrie, it onster some of us Downingville boys used hold the Forts in Charleston Harbor. from the city, nearly abreast of and not to go down to Sebago pond every spring The pledge is that, "if elected Governor over one mile from Moultrie. It not on complaining that the other boys had can compel negotiation, and, in fact, co- erately well garrisoned, Sumpter would ed to commit these acts of retaliations,

orfullest tones, and they knode I wasent to deth? Go home, you miserable to be trifled with. They slunked out of the trifled with. They slunked out of the country of the c most to deth? Go home, you miserable men, go home and till the sile! Go to men, go home and till the sile! Go to pedlin tinware—go to choppin wood—go to bilin sope—stuff sassengers—black boots—git a clerkship on sum respects—ble manure cart—go round as original Swiss Bell Ringers—beeum "original and only" Campbell Minstrels—go to dollars a nite—imbark in least cost of least cos lecturin for 50 dollars a nite—imbark in the peanut bisniss—write for the Ledger—saw off your legs and go round givin concerts, with techin appeals to a charitable public, printed on your handbills— about, and dancing like a monkey to try anything for a onest livin; but don't cam to keep on the upper side. The rest of as the Administration submits, which we outwitted by the nullifiers.

> ses I, pullin out my new 16 dollar huntin cased watch, and brandishin it
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> to the rice. "Ef in 5 minits from this
> time a single sole of you remains on
> these here premises, I'll go out to my
> cage near by, and let my Boy Construeing and blowing, and got hold of the log
> sent I, pullin out my new 16 dollar huntin cased watch, and brandishin it
> to the rice. "Ef in 5 minits from this
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> sent I, pullin out my new 16 dollar huntin cased watch, and brandishin it
> to the rice. "Ef in 5 minits from this
> splash, head and ears. He came up puffing and blowing, and got hold of the log
> sent I was need to the Legislature a memorial,
> and tried to algorithm the subject of a telegraphic dispatch from
> Washington. The commanding efficer
> of Fort Moultrie ordered Capt. Seyment
> so for to Moultrie. There has recently been present day when they shall be led against Fort
> washington. The commanding officer
> of Fort Moultrie ordered Capt. Seyment
> more he tried the more the log rolled; and
> finding it would be gone goose with him
> pretty soon if he stayed there, he begun
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SLEIGHING SONG.

A bright lip and a Exshing oyo, And a heart that springs with glee-And a dashing sleigh for me! Let others crowd the home hearth-side, And dread old Winter's frown;

But give to us his merry ride, His palace and his crown. The groves and rocks ere flitting past. And the homesteads seem to fice-Sweeps swiftly on the winged blast, But faster still dash we.

Old Time may stay his running sand, And east his scythe away-We live to-night in a spirit land. That's far beyond his sway.

Affairs in Kansas.

[We are permitted to publish the following private letter addressed to a gen-tleman in this city, by Rev. John H. East were sustaining the efforts made to Byrd, now of Atchison, Kansas, and formerly of Brown county in this State: information of which I was possessed, ATCHISON, Kansas, Dec. 8.

Your letter of the 28th ult. was reute detail, it will be enough to say that everything is being done necessary to ceived to day. I will state in one word place the work in the best possible condition of defense. She has recently re- and malicious hoax. My information ceived six months' provisions. What is is direct from the citizens of Linn counwanting in men will in a measure be ty, who are neighbors of Montgomery. made up by discipline and completeness The reports of bloodshed and war are of death-dealing appointments. The the wild and fanciful stories of old Judge distance between Fort Moultrie and the Williams. They have less foundation than the old romances which were foun-Castle Pinckney stands in the harbor, ded on facts.

Montgomery was raised in Kentucky, wholly surrounded by water, which cannot be bridged readily, between Moultrie and has an honest Kentuckian's abhorand the city, and can be operated on on. rence of human bondage. In all this ly by heavy guns. It mounts a large number of heavy guns, and has recently startled the country, he has not been been very much strengthened. In 1832, abroad, except to fulfill his appointments Gen. Scott did much to strengthen this as a Campbellite preacher. position, and most of the works then Neither he nor any of his men have

No armed party of his men have been

near Fort Scott. No armed party of his men have been

brain of Judge Williams. It is true that an armed party, consisting of fourteen or fifteen men, who were probably commanded by Capt Jennison, a friend of Montgomery, has captured and executed an old border ruffian, named Sam Scott, who was guilty of a rape that your readers may see this is no fieand brushin the dust from my ize, "I'll should holler versiffrusly in the streets at in eyour papers with this bunch of bones if you dont be a little keerful how you in of coal ile and gin, in the mornin. I should go to the poles airly. I should see to it was there all day. I should see to it was the little keerful how you in the dust from my ize, "I'll across the pond. And one time I and troops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is believed, the city could be effectual-toops in Charleston Harbor, "whether it is thoroughly appointed with all the larger description of the pointed with all the larger description of the virtual declaration of the purpose is the virtual declaration of the purpose of the virtual declaration of the purpose is the virtual declaration of the purpose of the virtual declaration of the purpose of the virtual declaration of the purpose of the virtual declaration of the purpose is the virtual declaration of the purpose of the virtual declaration of the purpos that my nabers was thare. I should see to it mery?" sez 1, should see to it moze. "Them's the kind of papers I'll and down pretty considerable bad, so we carriages to take the kripples, the infirm gov you! "Them's the kind of papers to be any substance of his story:

"My name is Walter Cain: I live in Jefferson township, north part of Jacksand the indignant than. I should be on gard agin frawds and sich. I should be on the look out for the look out for the look out for the look out for the infamus lise of the look out for the infamus lise of the look out for the

Before the free State settlers were arous-

place of the cowardly and malicious ap-pointees of the pro slavery Administra-ted in corn by six of my neighbors, (the

P. S .- I have neglected to say that the famine in this country is wide spread In order to show the animus of the people of Charleston, who thus very kindly guard the United States Arsenal. I will relate a single circumstance which I see has lately been revived and made the P. S .- The United States troops have

nobody to fight, and I presume nobody man said, in reply to my questions, that:
"His name was W. K. Beech; lived Six or seven hundred troops from St.

on another fool's errand, and will return their superiors. THE SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO.-The

ferry boat, the first objects to be seen were a long string of wagons, with num-bers of gaunt and hungry oxen standing near. I was told they were from the interior, driven here to be loaded with the provisions sent for the relief of the people. The first men I saw were, Mr. Pomeroy, the general disbursing agent of the Relief Committee; Dr. Ayers, of Linn county ; C. B. Lines, of Wanbonsee county, and Mr. Graham, of Doniphan county. I was immediately plied relieve the destitution. I gave all the and in return was told that the destitution had been underrated entirely. The Rev. Mr. Graham said that there were 50,000 who must be sustained for some months. Dr. Ayers, one of the most intelligent and well esteemed citizens of Linn county, said that at least forty thousand must be kept from starving for six

know and have every confidence in. I walked up to the office wherein transacted the business of the relief. It was crowded with the men in charge of the teams standing in the streets and on the levee. As I came along I counted twenty-three, and was told that at least fifty were in town. Such a scene ! Great, stalwart men, gaunt, lean, hungry, looking weary, sad, tired and dispirited, poorly clad, and in all respects filling one with the conviction of suffering patiently borne and long repressed-men, some of whom I recognized, and all of whom bore the unmistakable character of sturencamped anywhere except in the fertile dy industry and independence common to our western pioneers. To look upon those faces and read the sad tale of suffering within, told the story far more forcibly than my feeble words can.

months to come. These gentlemen I

Mingling among them, I took down in my note book the statements made by

The first I spoke to was a poorly but

out obtaining any aid. My orders from the local Committee represent about three hundred voters, (about twelve hundred persons.) There has been literally nothing grown in our section and many suffer. I planted 25 acres in corn, wheat and potatoes. I have no corn, no potatoes, and only about 30 bushels of wheat,

harvest a single ear." By this time many had gathered around me and were disposed to tell their stories. I picked out a small, keen eyed, intelligent appearing man, and asked him what part of the interior he came from. He said :

imen of all. Of eighty-three acres, planpointees of the pro slavery Administra-tion, and peace will reign throughout all our borders. Yours, truly, John H. Byrn.

P. S.—I have neglected to say that buffalo meat, no potatoes, no vegetables. Have been here ten days; it is two hundred miles to our place, and I only get for my wagons, (two I think he said) twelve sacks of meal and eight of pota-

toes." reached Linn County, but they will find A grave, earnest looking, middle aged on Mission Creek, Waubannsee county, Louis have also gone down to the border The settlement contained about 150 perabout one hundred miles from this place. the laughing stock of the community, sons last summer, half of whom had not by their own fault, but by that of J. H. B. any old corn. There was nothing raised there. I know of six families perfectly destitute. These families will average six each-about thirty six in all. They

them on board of the boat, when a body of citizens appeared, commanded them to desist, took from the boat what had been placed on board, marched the captain and his men before the Mayor, who sternly reprimanded them, and bid them to return to the Fort months of the logs of the planetto tree. For this reason—for the good service the Palmetto did on the occasion—it has ever to the Fort months for the fort months of the fort moultrie, which defended the harbor of Charleston when the British attacked it, in the Revolution, were of the logs of the Palmetto tree. For this reason—for the good service the Palmetto did on the occasion—it has ever to the Fort months of the fort m